AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A view programming system (PRA) capable of a view programming a viewing of a show that which a user wants to view, from among shows (Dav) composed of content data provided from a content data source, the view programming system comprising:

at least one show receiving apparatus (200) capable of receiving the shows (Dav); and

at least onea view programming apparatus (100) capable of holding, when the

programming of the viewing of the show is performed, programmed show information related to

the show for which the viewing is programmed programming the show receiving apparatus (200)

to receive a show (Dav),

wherein the view programming apparatus transmits a first electronic mail including the programmed show information prescribing the show, for which the viewing is programmed, to be received, via a network by the show receiving apparatus, the show for which the viewing is programmed having been programmed for viewing by the user,

wherein the show receiving apparatus (200) can receive receives the first electronic mail via the network-an electronic mail (M) via a network (320), and

wherein the user selects whether to view or record the show, for which the viewing is programmed, in accordance with the first electronic mail the view programming apparatus (100) transmits a first electronic mail (Ms) including programmed show information (IRP) prescribing the show (Dav) to be received, via the network (320) to the show receiving apparatus (200).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The view programming system (PRA) according to claim

1, wherein the view programming apparatus-(100) comprises:

show information obtaining means (132) of obtaining show information (EPG) indicating a schedule on which the shows (Dav) are to be provided;

displaying means (104) of displaying a show table (IBP) based on the <u>obtained</u> show information (EPG);

view programming information generating means (140, 113) of generating the programmed show information-(IRP) in response to a user's selection input of a show, for which the viewing is to be programmed, view-programmed based on the displayed show table (IBP);

first electronic mail generating means-(112b) of generating the first electronic mail (Ms) in association with an electronic mail address assigned to the reception apparatus (200); and first electronic mail transmitting means-(110) of transmitting the first electronic mail-(Ms) to the electronic mail address.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The view programming system (PRA) according to claim 2, wherein the programmed show information (IRP) includes (i) at least-information indicating a broadcast start time (Tb) and a broadcast an end time of the show for which the viewing is programmed, view programmed show and (ii) a source from which the show, for which the viewing is programmed, (Dav) is obtained.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The view programming system-(PRA) according to claim

3, wherein the first electronic mail-(Ms) is transmitted between (i) a show start notifying time(Fm), which is earlier by a predetermined time (Pi) than the broadcast start time-(Tb), and (ii) the

broadcast start time (Tb).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The view programming system (PRA) according to claim 4, wherein the first electronic mail (Ms) further contains a predetermined message (MMs).

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The view programming system-(PRA2) according to claim
5, wherein

the view programming apparatus (100b) further comprises:

first recording means-(114) of recording a received show-(Dav),

each the show receiving apparatus (200b) comprises:

second electronic mail generating means (203b) of generating a second electronic mail (Mt) as a return mail with respect to the first electronic mail (Ms); and

second electronic mail transmitting means (201) of transmitting the second electronic mail (Mt) to the view programming apparatus (100), and

when the view programming apparatus (100b) does not receive the second electronic mail (Mt) by the broadcast start time (Tb), the view programming apparatus (100b) records the show, for which the viewing is programmed view programmed show (IRP), into the first recording means (114).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The view programming system (PRA2) according to claim 1, wherein the show receiving apparatus (200b) displays-a the show, for which the viewing is programmed, view-programmed show based on the programmed show information (IRP).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The view programming system (PRA2) according to claim 8, wherein the show receiving apparatus (200b) further comprises second recording means (206) of recording the received show (Dav), and records the show, for which the viewing is programmed, a view programmed show into the second recording means (206) based on the programmed show information (IRP).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The view programming system (PRA2) according to claim 1, wherein a password is set for each corresponding show receiving apparatus (200b), and a subject having the password of the show receiving apparatus (200b) is described in the first electronic mail (Ms).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The view programming system (PRA2) according to claim 11-elaim 8, wherein the view programming apparatus (100b) determines that an electronic mail having the password is determined as the second electronic mail-(Mt), among received electronic mails (Mt).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) The view programming system-(PRA2) according to claim

8, wherein, when receiving the first electronic mail (Ms), the show receiving apparatus (200b) (i) displays the predetermined message (MMs), (ii) transmits the second electronic mail (Mt) when the show, for which the viewing is programmed view programmed show, is not recorded in the view programming apparatus (100b), and (iii) does not transmit the second electronic mail (Mt) when the show, for which the viewing is programmed, view programmed show is recorded in the view programming apparatus (100b).

Claims 14-23 (Cancelled)